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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Meeting With DIA On Identifying Requirements

- 1. Over the past months, meetings have been held individually and collectively with the Services; initially to establish a rapport, and more recently to develop a means for formalizing a process by which the Center can identify requirements in order to better allocate our resources.
- 2. Until the subject meeting, no contact had been made with DIA for either of these purposes. To some extent this was because the Services were seen as the major clients. But DIA (and the major unified and joint commands) still should be included in the planning as much as possible. The other reason for not contacting them has been the sensitive nature of the relationship with DIA concerning OSIS and IID. During the meeting, there were several gibes on these and other subjects, most of which I let pass. In general, I would characterize the atmosphere as cool but correct.
- 3. My objectives were two fold. I wanted to get a sense of the types of requirements DIA might have and to get their reaction to formalizing the requirements process. A parallel goal was to establish a working relationship rapport by means of being solicitious of their views. Very little information was gleaned via this approach. DIA inquired about the status of two evaluation efforts they believed the Center was already supporting: DODIIS and ADCOM/IDHS. I inquired about the status of these and reported back to DIA within two days. We are expending some effort on DODIIS in C21 but have not been tasked for ADCOM/IDHS. DIA decided at the meeting that they would contact D/C to arrange a full day briefing for the Center on DODIIS.
- 4. DIA was generally receptive to the ideas of formalizing the requirements process. My impression was that they saw this as a vehicle which not only enabled them to declare their requirements but as a means to ensure that the resources of the Center were equitably allocated amongst the non-NSA clients. They were more direct in voicing the concern heard from the services that the Center not be a captive of NSA.
- 5. Acknowledging the (not so) underlying tension between DIA and the Center, I suggested that a meeting of the principals be held to address the difficulties. DIA (especially prefers to wait to see our proposal for how the requirements will be collected and processed to produce a prioritized list. They see this "management plan (their term) spelling out not only these areas but also how we will talk to one another. They repeatedly emphasized the operational orientation of their accreditation efforts and their view of the Center as being neither responsive nor sensitive to that need.

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- 6. Some discussion was held on the evaluation criteria:
- a. No comments were provided by DIA on the first draft. The plan to do so on subsequent ones. pointed out that definitive terminal identification was not mentioned.
- b. They have attempted to consider the criteria in DoDIIS, determining it to require a class B2 system.
- c. One of their staff had produced an informal working paper mapping various operating modes onto the criteria classes. I suggested they provide Cl with a courtesy copy.
- d. In response to their concern about DBMS and network security criteria, I stated that such are planned for future development.

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